

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 04 October 2002
 Name of applicant/court: Society for Promotion of Community Standards
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
 Title of Publication: The Matador Series 2
 Other Known Title(s): Ally Gets On The Wild Side
 Director(s): J. Yves Lecastel
 Producer(s): Not Stated
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author(s): Not Applicable
 Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
 Country of Origin: France
 Language(s): French, English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	The Matador Series 2	Running time:	96.47
Trailers:	Güfa Copyright Notice	Running time:	0.40
	Private Condom Notice		0.51
	Private Presents Notice		0.15
	Private Telephone Sex Notice		1.25
Total Running time:			99.58

Excision/Alteration: Excisions recommended but not made.

Reason(s) for Excision:

The publication contains material which falls under s3(3)(a)(iii), s3(3)(c) and s3(3)(e) of the FVPC Act. It contains extensive depictions of sexual conduct that is highly degrading and demeaning and the publication itself degrades and dehumanises female participants in a manner that implicitly presents them as inherently inferior. Seven excisions were offered to reduce these effects but were declined by the distributor.a

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *The Matador Series 2* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The video recording was submitted to the Office of Film and Literature Classification (Classification Office) for reconsideration of its original classification under s42(3)(b) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). It was submitted by the Society for the Promotion of Community Standards. The video recording was used as part of the Classification Office's 2001 research project. The Chief Censor granted leave for the publication's reconsideration as the results of this research project, which were not available at the time of the original classification, constituted a "special" circumstance that would justify a reconsideration of the classification of the video recording.

The video recording consists of a feature and four notices. The feature focuses on the explicit depiction of sexual activity between men and women. The publication contains material which falls under s3(3)(a)(iii), s3(3)(c) and 3(3)(e) of the FVPC Act. It contains extensive depictions of sexual conduct that is highly degrading and demeaning and the publication itself degrades and dehumanises female participants in a manner that implicitly presents them as inherently inferior. Seven excisions were offered to reduce these effects but were declined by the distributor.

Having considered the submissions received from the applicant as well as the results of the 2001 research project, and having considered the censorship criteria, the Classification Office concludes that, for the reasons described above, the availability of the unexcised version of this video recording render it likely to be injurious to the public good. Therefore it is classified as objectionable. If the recommended excisions were made the publication would be classified as objectionable unless the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

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